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SUBJECT: ANTI-AMERICAN PLAY IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS MARCH 3

1. COMMUNIST WEEKLY DEMOCRATIA CONTINUES TO SPIN STORY OF 700 US "TOURISTS" ON CYPRUS TO FACILITATE TURKISH INVASION LAST SUMMER. IN THIS MORNING'S UPDATE, REITERATED FAMILIAR CLAIM THAT AMERICANS ALSO AIDED PRO-JUNTA GREEK OFFICERS IN CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD TO MOUNT COUP AGAINST MAKARIOS. PAPER CITED EOKA-B VEHICLE THAT ALLEGEDLY DELIVERED AMERICAN NATIONAL TO AMERICAN EMBASSY JULY 16. AMERICAN REPUTED TO HAVE SPENT PREVIOUS 24 HOURS AT COUP HEADQUARTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CIA INSTRUCTIONS. PRO-GOVERNMENT DEMOCRATI KI RAN STORY ALLEGING COLLUSION BETWEEN ANKARA AND ATHENS JUNTA AT TIME OF COUP. COORDINATION PURPORTEDLY UNDERTAKEN BY CIA AGENT NAMED NEFF.

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2. IN LONG, RAMBLING EDITORIAL DEMOCRATIA ASKS SERIES RHETORICAL

QUESTIONS CONCERNING AMERICAN PRESENCE ON BRITISH BASES. PAPER ASKS WHY GOC CONSENTED TO AMERICAN PRESENCE, U-2 SPY PLANES, AND AMERICAN MILITARY ENTERING CYPRUS FROM BASES IN CIGILIAN CLOTHES. PAPER CRITICIZES GOC "IRREGULAR" HANDLING OF ARRESTED AIRMEN, ASKS IF AMERICANS HAVE EXTRA TERRITORIAL LEGAL RIGHTS. CONCLUDES CYPRUS CANNOT CRITICIZE BRITISH USE OF BASES TO SUPPORT NATO AND AMERICAN PURPOSES IF GOC PERMITS AMERICANS TO OPERATE OFF BASES. SIMILARLY GOC CANNOT CALL FOR THIRD WORLD SUPPORT IF IT ALLOWS BASES BE USED BY IMPERIALISTS.

3. SECRETARY KISSINGER WIDELY CRITICIZED IN EDITORIAL COLUMNS. RADICAL LEFTIST ANEXARTITOS NOTED DISAPPOINTMENT OF CYPRIOTS AT KISSINGER'S SUPPORT OF TURKISH POSITION; CONCLUDED ONLY UN AND INTERNATIONALIZATION OF CYPRUS QUESTION OFFERED PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT. DEMOCRATIKI IN APPEAL TO GOC TO TURN "TO MOSCOW AND SOON" NOTED FORD AND KISSINGER CRAWL TO THE KREMLIN WHEN NEED ARISES. SAME PAPER IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "RUTHLESS METERNICH" INDICATES PRESS HAS RUN OUT OF EPITHETS FOR KISSINGER BUT AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST REALIZE THAT HE WILL CAUSE THEM TOO TO BE HATED AS HE, WITH CIA, IMPLEMENTS HITLER-LIKE POLICY. PRO-GOVERNMENT ALITHIA CALLS SECSTATE "THICKSKINNED ANIMAL", DOUBTS HE EVEN FELT RECENT SLAP IN FACE FROM PRO-GREEK CONGRESSMEN.

4. ONLY ONE PAPER, (MAKHI CARRIED COMMENT ON PREVIOUS DAY'S PHILEFTHEROS ASSERTION RE KISSINGER THREAT TO REMOVE KARAMANLIS (NICOSIA 0862) BUT WE JUDGE THIS TO BE RESULT OF FACT THAT MONDAY PRESS ESSENTIALLY WEEKLIES PUT TO BED WELL IN ADVANCE. THEREFORE, FURTHER REACTION TO BE EXPECTED MARCH 4. CRAWFORD

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